

Chatham Township Environmental Commission  
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Minutes of the Tuesday, May 6, 2008 CTEC Meeting

The meeting of the Chatham Township Environmental Commission convened at 7:15 pm on Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at the Township Municipal Building. In attendance were CTEC members K. Abbott, L. Caprioglio, P. Collington, S. Hoag, P. Payton, O. Raadam, and D. Stillinger.

CTEC'S PURPOSE (N.J.S.A.40:56A, 1968): To undertake projects and make recommendations concerning the protection or use of natural resources, including water resources and air quality, located within or directly affecting Chatham Township.

The Chatham Township Environmental Commission's goal is to provide a responsible environmental view point to Township committees and boards and to undertake projects with a strong educational component in order to inform officials and residents about constructive actions that can be taken to preserve the environment.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING STATEMENT -- The meeting schedule for 2008 was published in the Chatham Courier & Daily Record newspapers and posted on the main bulletin board at the Township municipal building. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings and participate in projects.

MINUTES

O. Raadam motioned to approve the minutes from April 1, 2008, P. Collington 2<sup>nd</sup> with all in favor.

KUDOS TO LEANN TAVTIGIAN!! Congratulations to LeAnn on arranging an extraordinarily successful Electronics Recycling event on Sat. May 3. In all, 241 cars dropped off 60 cubic yards of computers, printers, monitors, cell phones, film cameras, and other electronic equipment. Over 12 volunteers, including several from the EC, spent the morning sorting the items and helping residents unload. Among the residents leaving items were current and former members of the Township Committee and Planning Board. Special thanks to DPW Head Joe Barilla for directing traffic, answering questions, and providing the big tarp. Cheerful and hard working DPW member James SanFilippo kept the dumpster well organized. The EC is grateful and thanks all who helped make the day a huge success.

EVENTS

Wed., May 7, 2008. 5-9 PM, Morris County Cultural Center, 300 Mendham Rd., Morristown. "Making a Plan! Saving Our Heritage", a workshop sponsored by the National Park Service on developing a plan for NJ's National Heritage Area. Presented by the Crossroads of the American Revolution Association. Free but registration required. 609-633-2060.

Sat., May 10, 2008. 9 AM to dusk. Summit's Green Festival on Summit Village Green. City volunteer committees will display information important to our community. Workshops, Green Walking Tour, Eco Scavenger Hunt of Downtown Summit, music, food, "Free-cycle" community yard sale. <http://www.summitgreen.org>.

May 2008. Mike Romankiewicz's Great Swamp Stream Monitoring Program.

Sat., July 19, 2008. 12:30-4:30 PM, Frelinghuysen Arboretum. Organic lawn care workshop. K. Abbott will be a presenter.

APPLICATION/LOI REVIEW

7 SYCAMORE DRIVE 4-30-08 BLOCK 38 LOT 42.05. Devco Associates, LLC. Application to Planning Board for amended final site plan. Not enough information on plans for EC to comment on at this time. OPEN

237 SOUTHERN BOULEVARD 4-29-08 BLOCK 113, Lot 115.03. Neill. Application to NJDEP for GP#8 750 sq. ft expansion. EC has no comment. CLOSED

47 & 51 ORMONT RD. 4-15-08 Block 32 Lots 31 & 31.01 Gunn. EC very concerned about the construction work completed without Planning Board approval, clearing on the conservation easement and tree removal. Letter to be sent to Planning Board. S. Hoag motioned to approve letter and L. Caprioglio 2<sup>nd</sup> will all in favor to send letter incorporating all discussion concerns regarding this issue.

428 RIVER RD. 4-2-08 BLOCK 62 Lot 79 Wood. Application for LOI. No activities proposed. EC letter to NJDEP. S. Hoag motioned to approve letter and P. Payton 2<sup>nd</sup> will all in favor. CLOSED

SUMMIT TRANSFER STATION 4-4-08. Requesting renewal of Solid Waste Facility Permit with no changes to existing permit operations. S. Hoag will send email to Summit EC member for confirmation of no changes to this application. OPEN  
REXCORP 3-31-08 Block 142 Lots 1 & 2 & Area in Madison. Application to NJDEP for Freshwater Wetlands Permits PG#6 & GP #10A. EC letter to NJDEP concerning vernal pools on property. K. Abbott motioned to approve letter and P. Collington 2<sup>nd</sup> with all in favor. PENDING

130 MEYERSVILLE RD 4-3-08 Block 12 Lot 11 Dudley. Application to Planning Board for minor 2 lot subdivision. Wetlands. Letter to PB 10-3-07 - Lot number correction completed. Planning Board has not reviewed application yet. OPEN

529 GREEN VILLAGE RD. 1-31-08 Block 48.21 Lot 179. Application by Verizon Wireless to Board of Adjustment. EC letter to Board of Adjustment. P. Payton motioned to approve letter and S. Hoag 2<sup>nd</sup> with all in favor. CLOSED

49 WOODMONT DRIVE 3-4-08 Block 128 Lot 53. Land Gate, Inc. Application to NJDEP for LOI – wetlands clarification. EC letter to NJDEP. P. Payton motioned to approve letter and K. Abbott 2<sup>nd</sup> with all in favor. CLOSED  
ST. HUBERT'S ANIMAL WELFARE CENTER. 2-15-08. Block 142, Lot 4.01. Application to NJ DEP for a Treatment Works Approval permit for a septic system receiving over 2,000 gallons per day. D. Stillinger. PENDING.  
55 MOUNTAIN AVE. 4-27-07. Block 37, Lot 5.01. Majmudar. Application to Planning Board to construct one house with variances for front yard setback, house size. Planning Board denied 4-14-08. CLOSED  
OAK KNOLL SCHOOL. Public hearing was held on 9-11-07 concerning request to temporarily break the DEP conservation easement on the Oak Knoll school property at Hickory Tree in order to replace an existing storm water pipe. DEP and Township engineer had no objection. CTEC is following this application. OPEN

## REPORTS & DISCUSSION

Review and approve final draft of EC checklist for land use office. P. Collington to have draft copy made into booklet format for handout. L. Caprioglio motioned to approve content and concept on details of booklet and O. Raadam 2<sup>nd</sup> with all in favor.

Report on proposed expanded Township recycling. S. Hoag to attend recycling program in Roxbury twp. on 5-10-08.

• Report on April 19 Sixth Annual Riverside Cleanup. At the request of a resident of Coachlight Square in Chatham Glen one commissioner and a volunteer removed trash from the riverbank adjacent to the resident's apartment several days before the Saturday Cleanup. On Saturday, April 19, 2008, CTEC held its sixth annual Riverside Cleanup along a 3/4 mile stretch of Township property adjacent to the Passaic River starting at the bridge on Passaic Street and ending before Chatham Glen. Participants included 15 Girl Scouts and leaders, 6 Boy Scouts and leader, 24 residents including some from other towns, and several EC members with their spouses and children. The Boy Scouts received Community Service certificates for their participation. This year's collection amounted to 37 bags of trash, two truck tires, 2 hub caps, and several large metal pieces. The event was organized and staffed by Commission volunteers who took photos, provided refreshments, managed the sign-in, and of course, cleaned and pruned. Nine species of wildflowers were in bloom, including trout lilies, spring beauties, and lesser celandine, and participants spotted two garter snakes, a big fish, and a snapping turtle.

Special thanks to the generous sponsors of the event:

CHATHAM DISPOSAL CO. For the sixth year in a row Chatham Disposal Co. donated pickup of debris from the Cleanup.

SHOP-RITE OF CHATHAM. For the sixth year Shop-Rite of Chatham donated supplies including work gloves and plastic garbage bags.

NEW PROVIDENCE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. For the sixth year the New Providence Department of Public Works made parking available at its maintenance yard.

Report on May 3, 2008 spring Electronics Recycling Event. Commission decided that the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in May and October would be the date for the electronics recycling event. (October 4, 2008, May 2, 2009, October 3, 2009). These dates to be added to Twp calendar and recycling flyer. Advertisement would be for Chatham Township residents only and include recycling and reuse.

Planning Board Report – L. Caprioglio – will discuss with PB definition of conservation easements.

Open Space – Banisch continuing work on bike path and discussion with PSEG. Considering purchase of some properties.

Education and Outreach Subcommittee report – Abandonment of underground storage tanks.

## RECENT LETTERS SENT

April 2008. Fourteen notice letters sent to holders of conservation easements informing them that their property would be visited by professional forester John Linson in the coming weeks.

April 2008. Comment letter to Planning Board on 55 Mountain Avenue application.

April 2008. Comment letter to NJDEP on the 32 Park View Rd., Block 113, Lot 115.10 application for GP#8.

March 2008. Comment letter to COAH objecting to relaxing of environmental standards in order to build housing units on environmentally critical areas as defined in Chatham Township land use ordinances (areas or features which are of significant environmental value, including but not limited to: stream corridors; natural heritage priority sites; habitat of endangered or threatened species; large areas of contiguous open space or upland forest; steep slopes; and well head protection and groundwater recharge areas.)

## MAIL RECEIVED

Minutes of Long Hill EC and Chatham Borough EC, budget update from accounting department, various newsletters, event announcements, and flyers.

CTEC MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:10 PM

Carolyn Scannelli  
Minutes Secretary